

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT**ROUTING SLIP**

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: James A. Miller III
Director

SUBJECT: Disclosure of 1987 Budget Details

The President will face a number of tough choices in preparing his budget for the coming fiscal year. We must not render his task more difficult by making -- or permitting subordinate officials to make -- public statements about the proposals he is being urged to adopt. Moreover, we must all prepare to support and defend the President's decisions once they are announced.

These policies have been basic tenets of previous Administrations. Section 11.9 of OMB Circular No. A-11 reiterates the long-standing requirements that "the nature and amounts of the President's determinations are confidential and will not be released until the budget is transmitted to the Congress" and that agency officials avoid stating opinions or positions to the Congress or the public that are inconsistent with the President's budget. These approaches and the reasons for them were best articulated by President Truman. (See attached memorandum.)

Thank you for your cooperation.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ATTACHMENT

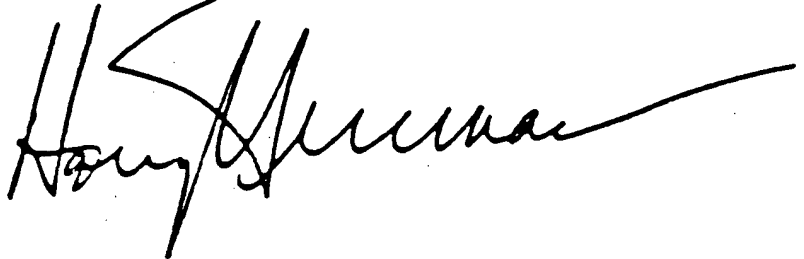
November 15, 1946

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

I have noticed that on several occasions certain department and agency officials have shown a tendency to seek from Congress larger appropriations than were contemplated in official budget estimates.

The estimates which I transmit to Congress reflect a balanced program for the executive branch as a whole, and each individual estimate is considered in the light of this program, its relationship to other estimates, and the fiscal position of the Government. While agency witnesses before congressional committees must feel free to supply facts in answer to questions of committee members, I cannot condone the practice of seizing upon any opportunity which presents itself to indicate an opinion, either directly or indirectly, that my estimates are insufficient.

When you notify the heads of the various departments and agencies of the amounts to be included in the 1948 Budget for their activities, I wish you would include a reminder that I shall expect them and their subordinates to support only the President's estimates in hearings and discussions with members of Congress.

A large, stylized handwritten signature, likely of Harry Truman, written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent 'H' and 'T'.